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Washington, DC – After President Obama signed the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations bill into law, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) announced the City of Oakdale will soon receive the \$400,000 Congress allocated for energy efficiency upgrades at the request of Mayor Carmen Sarrack and the City Council.

“The residents of Oakdale will greatly benefit from the energy efficiency project Mayor Carmen Sarrack and the City Council have worked so hard to complete. I am pleased that we could work together to secure federal funds to help bring the effort to fruition,” **said Congresswoman McCollum**

In the coming months, the City of Oakdale will receive \$400,000 in federal dollars to enhance the energy efficiency of the city’s public works facilities. The funds are designated for the installation of a new geothermal heat pump system, which would use water from an existing nearby water filtration facility to heat and cool the Public Works facility. The City will also replace existing high-pressure sodium parking lot lamps located at the City of Oakdale’s City Hall and Public Works facilities with light-emitting diode (LED) lamps.

“On behalf of the citizens of Oakdale, I would like to thank Congresswoman McCollum for her diligent work on the City's behalf. These projects are extremely important to the community and will have an immediate impact on conserving energy costs and consumption at these facilities,” **said Oakdale Mayor Sarrack.**

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill funds ongoing efforts to meet the infrastructure needs of the nation and address the inadequacies of the country's national energy policies through key investments in clean energy, energy independence, environmental cleanup, nuclear non-proliferation, and water infrastructure. President Obama enacted the law, P.L. 111-85, on October 28, 2009.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.

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